



Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

City of South Bend
April 2023

“Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm!”
-John Muir-

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

March Neighborhood Association Updates



Kennedy Park

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No updates at this time.



River Park

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River Park will have their community clean up day on May 6th. Be on the look out for their digital newsletter!



Miami Village

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Neighborhood Cleanup on May 13th.
Working with IUSB to design new Logo.
Awarded Ignite Grant. Grand Opening of renovated Randolph Park on June 10th.



Far West Side

Far NorthWest



Near West Side

Near West Side



Monroe Park

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Representative from neighborhood services and enforcement spoke at meeting.

Discussed Spring cleanup on May 20th. Had common Council Candidates speak.

Established location for IGNITE Tool Trailer Project. Discussed strategies for neighborhood safety including traffic calming, street lighting, and property development.



Lincoln-Bendix

Community breakfast fundraiser on May 6. Neighborhood clean-up May 20. May be hosting block parties later this year. Have formed a strong alliance with Kingdom Impact Church. IGNITE funds will be used to beautify the area along Bendix Drive/Meade Street.



NENC

Working on IGNITE Grant for 2023. Recently celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the Robinson Community Center.



Rum Village

Plans to apply for Ignite in May. RVNA has a location in mind for the signage but is currently waiting for approval from Mayor's office.



NNN

Organizing project for revitalization of "Booker T. West Park" at St. Paul Bethel Baptist Church. Notre Dame students will design the park based on resident feedback.



SOAR

Working on Ignite Grant Application. Open Candidate Forum for common Council Elections at April 11th Meeting. Neighborhood Cleanup on April 15th. Planning Annual Picnic.



Lasalle Park

Working on location for Ignite Grant Signage.

Upcoming IGNITE Park Project meeting on Monday, April 17th at 7:00 pm at NNN Community Center.



Lincolnway Neighbors for Change

Neighborhood Canvassing on March 11th and April 15th.



McKinley Terrace

Working on capacity building, ratifying bylaws, and planning neighborhood Picnic in the Park Celebration. Upcoming meeting Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. Guest speaker Councilman Troy Warner.



North Shore Triangle

Back the BeND event took place at the newly located Unity Garden at Holy Cross College on Saturday, April 1 from 10am-2pm. College students and E'3 Engagement Fellows joined NST neighbors to jump-start the garden.



Edgewater

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Open House for neighborhood plan on April 27th at Howard Park,



Twyckenham Hills

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No updates at this time.



Chapin Park

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Working on next quarterly newsletter.

Neighborhoods Consortium



The second quarterly meeting was held on April 5, 2023. Representatives from **14** different neighborhoods attended along with the Mayor. See the **Consortium** page for more information. Next meeting will be on July 12.

For questions or more information contact eee@southbendin.gov.

South Bend Plan Updates

Open House for Monroe Park and Edgewater Neighbors!

Monroe Park/Edgewater - Open house for April 27th, all day at Howard park.

Coming soon!

River Park Neighborhood
Lasalle Park Neighborhood

For more information, email planning@southbendin.gov or eee@southbendin.gov or click the link below!

www.together.southbendin.gov

Free Eviction Clinics

The Volunteer lawyer network will be hosting a series of **free** legal clinics 1-4pm at libraries throughout St Joe County on the following dates.

2/2/23 - Western Branch

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& HOUSING

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GET STATEWIDE VIRTUAL
ADVICE REGARDING
EVICTIONS, INCLUDING:
>RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS
>TENANTS' RIGHTS
>RENTAL & HOUSING RESOURCES
>DAMAGES HEARINGS
>SEALING EVICTIONS

FIRST AND THIRD
FRIDAY OF
EACH MONTH

CONSULTATIONS BY ZOOM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 881 6720 9757

PHONE: (312) 626-6799

PHONE LINE OPEN FOR CLINIC HOURS ONLY

10:00AM
TO
2:00PM
E.T.

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE AT:

[HTTPS://CALENDLY.COM/PBI-EVICTIONS/EDC](https://calendly.com/pbi-evictions/edc)



2/16/23 - Lakeville Branch
3/2/23 - Tutt Branch
3/16/23 - River Park Branch
4/6/23 - Main Branch
4/20/23 - Western Branch
5/11/23 - Tutt Branch
5/25/23 - German Branch
6/8/23 - River Park Branch
6/22/23 - Lasalle Branch

Public Safety

The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Chief of Police, **Scott Ruskowski** or Community Liaison Officer, **Jarveair Bourn** at jbourn@southbendin.gov.



You can now also join the Sync South Bend Camera Registry Program.

By registering the cameras at your home or business, you are helping South Bend Police officers and detectives quickly determine where cameras are located and who they need to contact to access them. This information will help expedite investigations and will eliminate the need for an officer or detective to physically visit your home or business to review relevant footage – all clips can be shared and submitted via a secure link.

This is a FREE app.

Neighbors

We've Joined Neighbors.

Now you can receive real-time crime and safety updates from an official source. By working together, we can help make our neighborhoods safer.

GET IT ON Google Play | Download on the App Store



[Learn More](#)

Neighborhood IGNITE Grant



Start Planning Today! -The City of South Bend's Engagement and Economic Empowerment team will be offering a 2nd round of grants to neighborhood associations to create and expand ways for residents to engage, connect, and grow. IGNITE Grants provide funding for small neighborhood placemaking and placekeeping projects with community-wide benefit. Sample projects include *neighborhood signage*, *expanded tree coverage*, *park enhancements* or *public art*. **A new round of applications will be available in late spring 2023!**

2022 Grant Awardees:

LaSalle Park Neighborhood Association - *Neighborhood Signage*

Installation of permanent signage identifying and welcoming residents and visitors to the neighborhood

Lincoln-Bendix Neighborhood Association – *Banners and Beautification*

Installation of welcoming banners along neighborhood boundary at Lincolnway West, Olive Street, and Meade/Bendix and the beautification of the median along Meade and Bendix Drive

Miami Village - *Neighborhood Signage*

Installation of new permanent signage welcoming residents and visitors to the neighborhood

Monroe Park Neighborhood Association - *Neighborhood Tool Trailer*

Development of a neighborhood tool trailer and lending program for residents

Near Northwest Neighborhood – *“Tot Lot” and Community Greenspace*

Near Northwest Neighborhood partnership with St. Paul Bethel Church to revitalize and reopen a greenspace play area for small children and community members

Northshore Triangle – *“Grow and Know”*

“Know & Grow” envisions the relocation and expansion of the neighborhood’s Unity Garden (ensuring the 12th consecutive

season of operations) and the installation of an “iHub” sign, which will centralize neighborhood news, opportunities for engagement, and its history.

Near West Side Neighborhood Organization- Banners and Benches

Banner signage designed by residents identifying neighborhood along Chapin, Charles Martin and Colfax, and park benches for two local greenspaces.

River Park Neighborhood Association – Signal Box Murals

A series of signal box artwork installations designed by residents along Mishawaka Ave

For questions or to receive future emails about the 2023 Ignite Grant email eee@southbendin.gov or go to www.southbendin.gov/eee

SOUTH BEND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER (TRC)



The TRC was able to host the last installment of their 3 part Nonprofit Workshop: Project Management Series. The final interactive workshop session was titled 'Projects and People' and taught by Matt Barlow, a project manager at enFocus with years of applicable experience to learn from.

RESOURCES

Supporting South Bend

Did you know the City of South Bend has a website dedicated to helping the community locate important resources? Everything from assistance for childcare, rent and utilities to free WIFI and free golf.

You can find it by searching "Supporting South Bend" in your web browser, typing www.southbendin.gov/support, or clicking the button below.

[**Click For Supporting South Bend**](http://www.southbendin.gov/support)

The Energy Assistance and Solar Savings Initiative (EASSI) provides subsidized energy assessments, grants, and low-interest loans to community organizations.

EASSI Webinar Series for Businesses & Nonprofits

Webinar Topic	Date	Link to Join
Electric Utility Rebates & Incentives for Nonprofits & Businesses	April 18, 10-11am	https://bit.ly/3zgvBVj
Solar 101 for Nonprofits	April 20, 11am-12pm	https://bit.ly/3zfl3K
Financing Energy Savings Projects for Nonprofits & Businesses	April 27, 10-11am	https://bit.ly/42KSnSJ

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WEBINAR
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Save Energy ✓

Save \$\$\$ ✓

Reinvest in Your Organization ✓

Protect the Environment ✓

VIBRANT PLACES!



BETTER VIBES | BETTER BUSINESS

VIBRANT PLACES is a matching grant program for qualifying exterior enhancements to commercial, mixed-use, & industrial buildings.

Up to **\$112,000 matching funds** available for projects!

Qualifying projects for up to **70% matching grant funds** include:



...and more! **50% Standard Grant + 20% Sustainable Bonus**



SUNPOWERED GRANT

Your business may **additionally** apply for 15% or 25% matching funds for **solar** projects.

www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces



SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS

VIBRANT PLACES

SUNPOWERED GRANT

A GRANT FOR SOLAR

Receive funding for your business to install solar panels & battery storage systems!

Grants for solar panels are in addition to the standard grant and sustainability bonus available through Vibrant Places. **A single business could be eligible for all three grants.**

	Matching Grant %	Max Grant Amount \$
CITY-WIDE (INCLUDING DOWNTOWN)	15%	\$20,000 (15% of a \$133,333+ project)
PRIORITY CORRIDOR	25%	\$30,000 (25% of a \$120,000+ project)

A project in partnership with  **SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS**

WHY GO SOLAR?



ENERGY COST CONTROL

A solution to ever varying and increasing energy costs



LOW MAINTENANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY

No required operations & maintenance spend



POWER YOUR COMPANY WITH CLEAN ENERGY

Solar panels generate electricity without burning fossil fuels or contributing to climate change



ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT

Internal rate of return >15% with federal incentives



SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF BACKUP POWER

With battery storage, you can prepare for energy interruptions without relying on a generator

Learn more and apply:



www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces

VIBRANT PLACES

SUSTAINABILITY BONUS



TAKE YOUR PROJECT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

STANDARD
50% Matching



SUSTAINABLE!
70% Matching

GET AN EXTRA 20% MATCHING FUNDS FOR...

Energy-Efficient
doors & windows



No VOC paint



Permeable
surfaces



30% Recycled-
content Materials



Rain gardens



Drought-tolerant
landscaping



Learn more and apply:



www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces

The City of South Bend has announced a new round of workforce development training courses provided by Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership. The Pathways program assists workers from South Bend manufacturing companies with career training, improving employees' skills and providing them with advancement opportunities with local manufacturers.

[Learn More](#)

Gaps in high-skilled talent have become challenges for the growth of businesses in the South Bend region. To fill critical gaps in high-demand jobs locally and to boost the regional economy. The City of South Bend has announced a new program: The **High Skill Immigration Fund** To attract and retain high skilled talent in the South Bend region and To educate and build capacity of local businesses to enable international talent sourcing

[Learn more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

BUILD SOUTH BEND

Check out this recent article in Strong Towns featuring South Bend about building strong, inclusive and vibrant neighborhoods!

Who Does It Take To Build a Neighborhood? Everyone.

And then join the conversation below.

BUILD SOUTH BEND VIRTUAL TRAININGS 2023

The 12 Steps of Town Making

led by Neighborhood Evolution - Bernice Radle,
Monte Anderson, Jim Kumon & Mike Keen

Farming Your Community & Finding Your People

Steps 1 & 2 | February 15 @ 6:30 PM

How to ATTRACT Financing and Investors

Step 3 | March 15 @ 6:30 PM

Legal & Accounting - You Have to Have It!

Step 4 | April 16 @ 6:30

Your First (or Next) Project & How to Start

Steps 5 & 6 | June 21 @ 6:30

Building Your Team for a Successful Project

Steps 7 & 8 | July 19 @ 6:30

Setting up your Construction System

Step 9 | October 18 @ 6:30

Leasing, Property Management & Helping Others

Steps 10, 11, & 12 | November 15 @ 6:30

FOR DETAILED INFO & ZOOM INVITATIONS, RSVP
EEE@SOUTHBENDIN.GOV, OR ONLINE @
WWW.SOUTHBENDIN.GOV/BSB

2023 Small Developer Seminars

Join us virtually on March 15 for Virtual Training: How to ATTRACT Financing

[Sign Up Now](#)

Financing :

Join townmakers Monte Anderson, Bernice Radle and others as they discuss the fundamentals of finding your development farm, investing in the community, and taking the critical steps of working with banks, neighbors, contractors, and the ecosystem of support needed for successful project development.

A Three Part Series

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Save the Dates!



**JAN
21**

FARMING & SUSTAINABILITY

9 AM-12:30 PM

Learn the fundamentals of dealmaking, development and more, with a special focus on sustainability.

FINANCE

9 AM-12 PM

This hands-on session will teach acquisitions, finance, using proformas, interviewing banks, and more.

**MAY
06**



**SEP
30**

FORM

9 AM-12 PM

Form will teach zoning, how and who to hire, designing for tenants, and much more.

For More Information, Please Visit

www.southbendin.gov/bsb



**WORKSHOP
SERIES 2023**



Join us in person on May 6th for **Building South Bend: Finance**

[Sign Up Here](#)

Summer 2023!

Linden Avenue Pop-Up Markets



LINDEN AVENUE POP-UP MARKETS

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY
JUNE-OCTOBER
1-5 PM CHARLES BLACK CENTER



 CITY OF SOUTH BEND
VENUES PARKS & ARTS



Sewer/Water Reconnect

A new Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will offer a reimbursement up to \$20,000 for qualified costs of connecting the sewer lateral to new low-and moderate-income homes. This funding may be used to cover the cost of the entire sewer lateral from the main line to the residential structure. Qualifying costs for reimbursement include labor, materials, traffic control, and restoration of pavement, curbs and sidewalks related to the sewer lateral work. Subject to the respective approvals by the Common Council and Board of Public Works, both the revised System Development Charges and the Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will be active by mid-July.

[Learn more here](#)

Downtown South Bend

Spring is coming and DTSB is ready to celebrate ! Visit DTSB's [website](#) for a complete list of all the activities planned .



Legal Self Help Clinic

Facing eviction? Need to find legal help? Come visit the Indiana Legal Help Kiosk at the Charles Black Center in South Bend! The kiosk will be available at the end of April. Through the kiosk, you can connect with legal aid organizations, find free housing-focused legal clinics, and access housing legal information and forms. For housing and other legal needs, you can always check out the legal resources available at IndianaLegalHelp.org.

[Learn More](#)

Climate Action Ambassador Program

The Office of Sustainability is recruiting 15 local leaders to serve as Climate Action Ambassadors for the City of South Bend.

Climate Action Ambassadors will facilitate conversations with the community to help prepare for climate change and contribute to the next update of South Bend's Climate Action Plan. Ambassadors will receive a \$250 stipend for their time and participation in the program, which, in addition to leading a Climate Action Survey Session, will require attending:

1. An introductory Zoom call
2. A two-hour environmental justice training
3. One debrief session with other Climate Action Ambassadors.

[Apply Now](#)

SOUTH BEND SMART BUSINESSES RECYCLE

The Smart Businesses Recycle is a pilot program to assist businesses and nonprofits to start a single-stream recycling service, improve their recycling capabilities, and reduce waste through targeted incentives.

[Learn more](#)

Apply Now

SMART BUSINESSES RECYCLE



Now
Accepting
Nonprofits!



Participate and...

- Receive **incentives \$\$\$** for
 - Starting a single-stream recycling service
 - Reducing waste
 - Removing barriers to recycling
- **Save money** by assessing and minimizing your waste
- **Reduce** your impact on the environment
- **Lead the way** in sustainability in South Bend



Learn more and apply here:
www.southbendin.gov/commercialrecycling

Lead Safe South Bend

The City of South Bend has grants available to assist making your home lead safe. Eligible households can apply to have lead safe repairs completed, up to \$20,000, by qualified contractors at no cost to you!

Click For Lead Safe South Bend Information



Click for more information
about the Canopy Tree
program

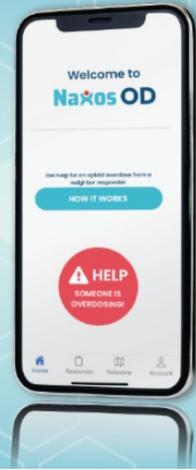
Community Canopy Tree Program.

Help beautify your neighborhood with this free program from SBVPA. South Bend is excited to make it easier on individuals to give back to the environment and create a healthier city. The program only allows trees to be planted on city public right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk (tree lawn). The tree may be up to 10 feet from the curb if no sidewalk exists.

Additional questions about the program? Please contact our Forester at 574-299-4766.

Naxos OD

Making Connections, Saving Lives



Naxos Neighbors provides opioid overdose bystanders with an anonymous, one-button press to connect with trained neighbor responders, ready to administer naloxone and provide immediate connections to harm reduction and treatment resources. They are now piloting in the South Bend, IN area.

[Download Now](#)

[More Info](#)

Yard Waste

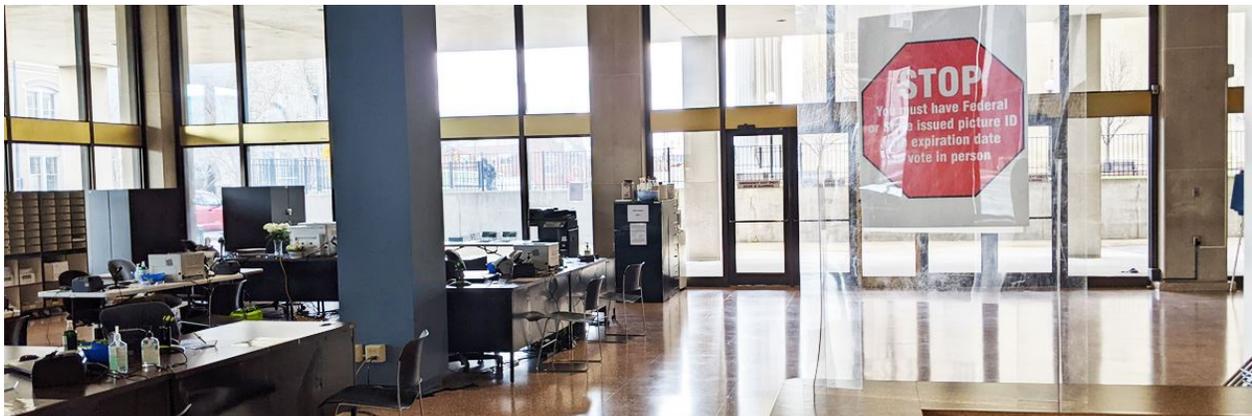
Yard waste season runs April 1 to November 30. Weekly pickup of yard waste, such as grass clippings, brush and leaves, is available to city residents for a fee of \$4.50 per month (\$36 per year) during the season. The monthly fee is applied to the utility bill. A 48-or 96-gallon bin is provided with collection taking place on the same day as trash pickup. **Sign up for the program online** or call 311.

[Sign up Now.](#)

[Yard Waste Removal Info](#)

[Schedule an Extra Pickup](#)

Early Voting Information.



Absentee in-person (Early Voting) is available beginning Tuesday, April 4, 2023 in the lobby of the County-City Building and the County Services Building until NOON on Monday, May 1, 2023:

County-City Building

227 W Jefferson Blvd
South Bend, IN 46601

Mishawaka County Services Building

Main Lobby
219 Lincolnway W
Mishawaka, IN 46544

**Reminder: YOU WILL NEED A GOVERNMENT
ISSUED PHOTO ID TO VOTE**

Both lobbies are open:

- Monday - Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. *CLOSED Friday, April 7*
- Saturday, April 22nd from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Saturday, April 29th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Sunday, April 30th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Monday, May 1st from 8:00 am to NOON.

[Learn More](#)

Stay Connected to your Elected Officials.



Mayor James Mueller
mayormueller@southbendin.gov
311 (Within city limits)
574.233.0311 (Outside city
limits)

South Bend Elected Officials

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South Bend, IN 46601

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